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H.J.R. No. 58

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the authorization
2 or funding of an elementary or secondary education voucher program.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
5 adding Section 7 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 7. (a) In this section, "private school" means a
7 nongovernmental educational establishment that exists for the
8 general education of elementary or secondary students.

9 (b) The legislature may not appropriate money for or
10 authorize a voucher program under which state or local public
11 revenue is used to pay all or any part of the costs of a student's
12 attendance at a private school.

13 (c) This section does not prohibit the use of state or local
14 public revenue to pay all or any part of the costs of attendance at a
15 private school by a student with a disability for the purpose of
16 receiving special education services that would otherwise be
17 unavailable to the student.

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the
22 authorization or funding of a voucher program for elementary or
23 secondary education."